

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : October 17, 2007  
Nimrod Megiddo : Group Art Unit: 3629  
Serial No.: 09/533,325 : Examiner: Vig, Naresh  
Filed: March 22, 2000 : San Jose, California

Title: System, Method, and Program Product for Automatically Managing Contracts

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The practitioner named below is authorized to conduct interviews and has the authority to bind the principal concerned. Furthermore the practitioner is authorized to file correspondence in the above identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34:

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